

CATHERINE CHILDERS.

JUNE 6, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

MR. CASTLE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3705.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3705) granting a pension to Catherine Childers, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension at the rate of \$8 per month Catherine Childers, of Barboursville, W. Va.

The Senate report states the facts, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3705) granting a pension to Catherine Childers, submit the following report:

Claimant is the widow of Samuel A. Childers, late second lieutenant Company M, Third West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry. Soldier enlisted September 17, 1862, and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865.

Soldier, at time of his death (January 10, 1897), was 82 years of age; was receiving a pension at the rate of \$17 per month for rheumatism, hernia, and blindness.

Claimant filed claim for pension November 17, 1897, which was rejected February 11, 1898, upon the ground that she was not without means of support other than her daily labor.

The evidence shows that the claimant is in possession of 182 acres of land in Cabell County, W. Va., valued for taxation at \$960, and personal property assessed at \$195, both of which valuations the claimant considers excessive. It is shown that this property brings her no income, nor has she any income from any source, nor is there anyone who is obliged to support her. The claimant states that she is now in her eightieth year of age.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments, viz:

Amend the title and bill so as to read "Childers" instead of "Chalders," and amend by striking out the word "twenty-four," in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eight."

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass, when amended as follows:

In line 4, after the word "roll," insert the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

In line 7, after the word "Cavalry," insert the words "and pay her a pension."